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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

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SUBJ: OFFICE FURNITURE

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1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDED TRANSFER OF OIC DESKS TO EMBASSY INVENTORY FOR FOLLOWING LOGICAL, PRACTICAL AND ECONOMICAL REASONS:

A. EMBASSY IN DIRE NEED OF DESKS. IN OUR FY-74 BUDGET WE LISTED AS PRIORITY ITEM - 4 EXECUTIVE DESKS AND 5 SECRETARIAL DESKS. WE ALSO NEED 4 NEW DESKS FOR CONSULAR (PUBLIC IMAGE) SECTION. THIS SCHEDULED FOR FY-75 BUDGET.

B. EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY COULD USE IMMEDIATELY 9 OF THE 14 DESKS AVAILABLE. OUR ENQUIRY CONCERNED A "MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION" THAT MIGHT BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN OIC AND EUR - I.E. OFFSET OF FUNDS.

C. DURING CSCE MINISTERIAL (ONE WEEK), THE DESKS IN QUESTION WERE ESSENTIAL. AS IN VIENNA OFFICE FURNITURE IN HELSINKI IS EXPENSIVE AND THERE IS NONE TO RENT. PRESUMING THAT PHASE III OF CSCE WOULD BE AT LEAST A WEEK WITH MORE U.S. PERSONNEL PROBABLY INVOLVED THAN AT CSCE MINISTERIAL, WE ARE CURIOUS CONCERNING BELIEF THAT "TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHASE III CAN BE MADE AT LATER TIME" AND FURNITURE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE SHIPPED TO HELSINKI. THIS MAY BE UNCLASSIFIED

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"FINANCIALLY PRUDENT" AND THERE MAY BE "CONSIDERABLE

SAVINGS" FOR THE SHORT TERM, BUT FOR THE LONG RUN IT
SEEMS FROM HERE A COSTLY OPERATION.

2. IN COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST WE ARE
CURRENTLY ARRANGING FOR THE SHIPMENT OF ALL OIC EQUIPMENT
AND, UNLESS WE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, IT
SHOULD BE ON ITS WAY TO VIENNA IN EARLY AUGUST.
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